

Foundation of Cryptography (0368-4162-01), Introduction

Adminstration + Introduction

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Part I

Administration and Course Overview

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Course Prerequisites

- 1 Some prior knowledge of cryptography (such as [0369.3049](#)) might help, but not necessarily
- 2 Basic probability.
- 3 Basic complexity (the classes \mathcal{P} , \mathcal{NP} , \mathcal{BPP})

Course Material

1 Books:

- 1 Oded Goldreich. [Foundations of Cryptography](#).
- 2 Jonathan Katz and Yehuda Lindell. [An Introduction to Modern Cryptography](#).

2 Lecture notes

- 1 [2013 Course](#).
- 2 Ran Canetti www.cs.tau.ac.il/~canetti/f08.html
- 3 Yehuda Lindell
u.cs.biu.ac.il/~lindell/89-856/main-89-856.html
- 4 Luca Trevisan www.cs.berkeley.edu/~daw/cs276/
- 5 Salil Vadhan people.seas.harvard.edu/~salil/cs120/

Section 2

Course Topics

Basic primitives in cryptography (i.e., one-way functions, pseudorandom generators and zero-knowledge proofs).

- Focus on *formal* definitions and *rigorous* proofs.
- The goal is not studying some list, but to understand cryptography.
- Get ready to start researching

Part II

Foundation of Cryptography

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- 5 One-way functions: an efficiently computable function that no efficient algorithm can invert.

Part III

Notation

Notation I

- For $t \in \mathbb{N}$, let $[t] := \{1, \dots, t\}$.
- Given a string $x \in \{0, 1\}^*$ and $0 \leq i < j \leq |x|$, let $x_{i,\dots,j}$ stands for the substring induced by taking the i, \dots, j bit of x (i.e., $x[i] \dots, x[j]$).
- Given a function f defined over a set \mathcal{U} , and a set $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{U}$, let $f(\mathcal{S}) := \{f(x) : x \in \mathcal{S}\}$, and for $y \in f(\mathcal{U})$ let $f^{-1}(y) := \{x \in \mathcal{U} : f(x) = y\}$.
- **poly** stands for the set of all polynomials.
- The worst-case running-time of a *polynomial-time algorithm* on input x , is bounded by $p(|x|)$ for some $p \in \text{poly}$.
- A function is *polynomial-time computable*, if there exists a polynomial-time algorithm to compute it.
- PPT stands for probabilistic polynomial-time algorithms.
- A function $\mu : \mathbb{N} \mapsto [0, 1]$ is negligible, denoted $\mu(n) = \text{neg}(n)$, if for any $p \in \text{poly}$ there exists $n' \in \mathbb{N}$ with $\mu(n) \leq 1/p(n)$ for any $n > n'$.

Distribution and random variables I

- The support of a distribution P over a finite set \mathcal{U} , denoted $\text{Supp}(P)$, is defined as $\{u \in \mathcal{U} : P(u) > 0\}$.
- Given a distribution P and an event E with $\Pr_P[E] > 0$, we let $(P \mid E)$ denote the conditional distribution P given E (i.e., $(P \mid E)(x) = \frac{P(x) \wedge E}{\Pr_P[E]}$).
- For $t \in \mathbb{N}$, let U_t denote a random variable uniformly distributed over $\{0, 1\}^t$.
- Given a random variable X , we let $x \leftarrow X$ denote that x is distributed according to X (e.g., $\Pr_{x \leftarrow X}[x = 7]$).
- Given a finite set \mathcal{S} , we let $x \leftarrow \mathcal{S}$ denote that x is uniformly distributed in \mathcal{S} .
- We use the convention that when a random variable appears twice in the same expression, it refers to a *single* instance of this random variable. For instance, $\Pr[X = X] = 1$ (regardless of the definition of X).

Distribution and random variables II

- Given distribution P over \mathcal{U} and $t \in \mathbb{N}$, we let P^t over \mathcal{U}^t be defined by $D^t(x_1, \dots, x_t) = \prod_{i \in [t]} D(x_i)$.
- Similarly, given a random variable X , we let X^t denote the random variable induced by t independent samples from X .